

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please substitute the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph beginning on page 5, line 13.

Implementing semi-transparent sensor **42**, within system **40** permits an arrangement where laser **18** is positioned on substrate **14** behind semi-transparent sensor **42**. By inserting semi-transparent sensor **42** within the optical path of beam **46**, the semi-transparent sensor **42** absorbs a small amount of emitted laser beam **46** to be used as a sensor light **48** which provides feedback for control of the VCSEL **18**, which in this embodiment may be a 850nm, 380 x 380 $\mu$ m VCSEL. Laser beam **46** which passes through sensor ~~[[16]]~~ **42** is focused by micro-lens **22** in order to provide a focused light to fiber optic device **26**. By this design use of partial reflector **20** is not required.